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In re Application of:

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 U.S.C. 1.132

I, Jim Claar, do hereby declare that:

1. I received a B.S. degree in Chemistry from The University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1976, and completed graduate courses at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio and The University of Detroit in Detroit, Michigan. I have been employed by PPG Industries, Inc. for over 38 years. I have held various positions while at PPG related to research and development and formulation of coatings for the automotive refinish industry. I am currently a Senior Research Associate that develops coatings formulations for the automotive refinish industry. I have authored various technical articles and I am a named inventor on over 30 U.S. patents, many of which are directed to coating formulations for automotive refinish applications.

2. Based on my coatings formulation knowledge and expertise, I believe that when the amount of an ingredient of a coating composition is recited as a weight percent, the weight percent is based on the total weight of the coating composition, unless there is any indication to the contrary.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application or any patent issuing thereon.

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